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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING APPLICATION

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.138, Applicants request that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned in favor of Application Number 11/960,613, filed on December 19, 2007, which is a divisional application that claims the priority of this application.

Applicants request that this abandonment be effective as of the filing date of this paper. A Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed to extend to January 17, 2008 the time for responding to the pending final Office Action, dated July 17, 2007.

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